BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC98-1

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS

Pursuant to Section 3001.20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Commission's Order No. 1216 issued July 17, 1998, the American Business Press ("ABP") hereby notices its intervention as a full participant in the above-captioned docket.

ABP is an association of companies publishing more than 1,000 trade, business, professional, medical and other specialized periodicals mailed at the regular Periodicals rates. ABP member publications pay approximately \$200,000,000 in periodical postage alone, in addition to expenditures on other classes of postage, and have a significant interest in the issues raised in this docket, including the extent to which the Postal Service is to become involved in ancillary activities previously reserved for the private sector. ABP also has an interest in the substantive and procedural standards for the initiation of market tests and experimental services.

ABP intends to participate in these proceedings.

Service of all documents relating to these proceedings should be made upon the persons listed below:

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August 10, 1998

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 10th day of August, 1998 caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served upon the United States Postal Service and the Officer of the Commission.

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